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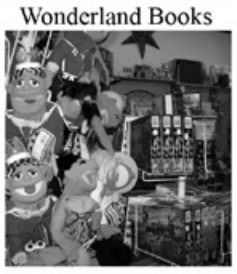

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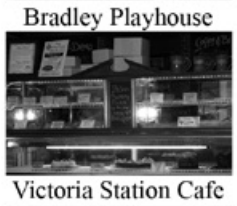
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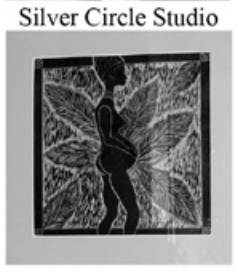

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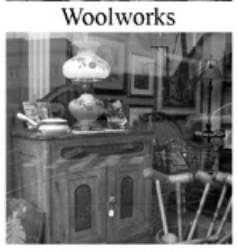
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A Passion for Aviation

On the surface Philip Gaudette, owner of Gaudette Aviation in Danielson is the picture of reserve, discipline, self- confidence and control, the perfect qualities one would expect in a pilot and flight instructor. Born in Putnam to a large family, Gaudette learned early in life to work hard and be responsible. Beneath the professional exterior beats the heart of a man filled with passion. Gaudette loves to fly. "Aviation is my passion. It is a love. It is something I dreamed of as a kid," said Gaudette.

BY NANCY WEISS

Gaudette began to turn his childhood dreams into reality in 1995 when a friend gave him the gift of a flight from Danielson airport, now the site of his aviation school and the home base for his airplane. The flying bug bit Gaudette in a big way. Two years later in 1997, he took flying lessons at nearly Windham airport with flight instructor, Joe Gauthier. Soon Gaudette was soaring, going back and forth to nearby islands, winding his way high above the Maine coastline and zipping down to Dover, Delaware to watch the NASCAR races.

Next came his instrument rating and later a commercial license and jobs flying charters with New England Flight Service. For a period of time Gaudette was a jump pilot for skydivers in Ellington, a job he occasionally does currently in Danielson for FunSkydiving.

As Gaudette accumulated the requisite credentials to pilot many types of aircraft, he felt the drive to teach others the skills he had so carefully acquired. He earned is CFI or Certified Flight Instructor credentials in St, Charles, Mo and was ready for new opportunities. "I wanted to teach. I enjoyed what the instructors taught me and I wanted to continue. I began training others in June 2009 at New England Flight Service. When it closed in September, I knew I had to continue," said Gaudette. He opened Gaudette Aviation, using the

Photo by Lea Rzeznikiewicz

classrooms and office at the Danielson airport that had been upgraded through federal support. With modern facilities on the ground, Gaudette can cover many aspects of flight training that need to be combined with time at the controls of the airplane.

"There is nothing more satisfying for a flight instructor than to teach someone to the point where they can move out of the nest. When a student pilot realizes the freedom they have to fly on their own, it is very exciting. It is nerve racking for the instructor, but ten times more for the student. When they take control they have a smile that stays on their faces for a long time," said Gaudette.

Students come from surrounding towns and states for lessons. Gaudette's pool of students is diverse with men and women, young and old. Many have been in the military or had family members who were. "Women are great pilots, because they can multi-task better than we men," said Gaudette with a smile.

The process of becoming licensed is very specific. It takes 15-20 hours to solo. The FAA requires a minimum of 40 hours with half the time spent with an

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instructor. Gaudette urges people interested in learning to fly to take an introductory program. They learn the basic principles of aerodynamics and discuss their personal reasons for wanting to become a pilot. Then they get in a plane and go up. The student takes the controls with the flight instructor and learns how move left, right, up and down. They spend half an hour in the air and half on the ground. When they land the plane together, Gaudette knows that most are ready to set up their next lesson.

Pilots will soon be in short supply according to Gaudette. Many flight schools closed after the tragedy of 9/11 and small airports, including Danielson, erected fences and increased security. As the chance to watch airplanes take off and land has become more difficult, fewer young people are attracted to the profession. "It is the pilots of tomorrow that we need to reach," said Gaudette emphatically, while urging interested parties to find a flight school and a good instructor. "There is going to be a big demand in the future for pilots. You need to be disciplined but you don't have to be a genius. Stay with one flight instructor, one airplane and be focused. The end result is very good," added Gaudette.

Gaudette also offers scenic flights of the region, birthday flights and gift certificates. Charter service is also available. Gaudette Aviation is located at 70-D Airport Road, Danielson. For further information go to:
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BY NANCY WEISS

At FunSkydiving, one warm spring day, an extended family from Plainfield and Canterbury gathered to watch as grandfather, Charlie Mills and daughter, Michelle, suited up to make their first jumps under the watchful eye of veteran diver, Claussius, a native of Brazil.

Charlie, once a submariner thought the "peaceful part" of floating down would be the best. Michelle, whose children, ages 2 and 3 scampered around in anticipation, felt she might find a rare moment of solitude on the descent.

As they suited up, listened to their instructor and attached a video camera to their arms, Charlie and Michelle glowed with anticipation. They were prepared to hop into a small plane, attach themselves to their instructors, jump out at 10,000 feet and land in the adjacent field to the applause of their family and friends.

The jumps were perfect and as the father and daughter touched down and their colorful parachutes were gathered up, FunSkydiving was, once again, living up to its name.

Larissa and Mauricio Galante, the husband-wife team who hail from Brazil, own and operate FunSkydiving at the Danielson airport. Larissa, who recently received PhD from McGill University in Montreal in oral cancer research, is a dentist in her native country. She provides operational support while her husband, who offers a variety of skydiving options, is a world-class teacher with almost five thousand jumps of experience and Instructor Examiner for the United States Parachute Association, USPA.

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BY CRIS CADIZ

However, depending on your grandma, she might adore one of designer Stephanie Ewart-Condon's imaginative and striking arrangements. "What we offer is art-driven and customized," says Stephanie, who owns Glimpse of Gaia with her husband and business partner Sean Condon. "I consider myself an artists who happened to work in flowers at this time." Glimpse of Gaia's message is that flowers don't have to be boring. "Flowers, like any type of fashion, go in and out of styles. But they don't have to be the same old thing. They can be fun, informal—or formal—and they don't have to be overpriced," says Stephanie. "Not everyone likes mums. There are so many beautiful flowers out there."

> Glimpse of Gaia's décor echoes Putnam's antique-district feel but with an upbeat twist.

Glimpse of Gaia opened next to Wonderland Books on Main Street in downtown Putnam in April, but they had been working with local businesses, such as 85 Main, for almost a year prior. With ten years experience as a floral designer first in California and then in Boston, Stephanie worked out of her Millville, MA, home for a while. "We did this wedding and it was 85 degrees outside; the only room cold enough to keep the flowers was our bedroom," she recalls. The decision to move to the Putnam storefront was an easy one. "We've been patrons of Putnam and the surrounding community for a long time," says Sean, an avid motorcyclist who often roams the Quiet Corner's scenic roads on his bike travels. "We saw this space and knew it was more than what we needed but loved it. We decided to use the space and expand what we offered."

Stephanie would like to take credit for the pleasing, pale yellow walls and newly refinished floors but says the building owner did all the renovation. "I thought it was the prettiest retail space," she says. "All we had to do is not screw it up." And they certainly did not. Glimpse of Gaia's décor echoes Putnam's antique-district feel but with an upbeat twist. Formerly an antique store, the shop retains paneled wainscot salvaged from two different mansions, a stained glass window from a Worcester church, and two fireplace facades collected by the previous proprietor. Warm wood floors and soaring ceilings create the perfect backdrop for Glimpse of Gaia's wares, which in addition to flowers include antiques, local artwork and handmade crafts. "I wanted to offer antique accents and gifts not made in China," explains Stephanie. A collection of Victorian furniture forms a cozy sitting area for consultations. Display cases show off an eclectic collection of antique vases and cups and saucers for sale. Stephanie's hand-made hula hoops leaning against the walls offer a funky counterpoint to the vintage pieces. "I am an avid hula hooper,"

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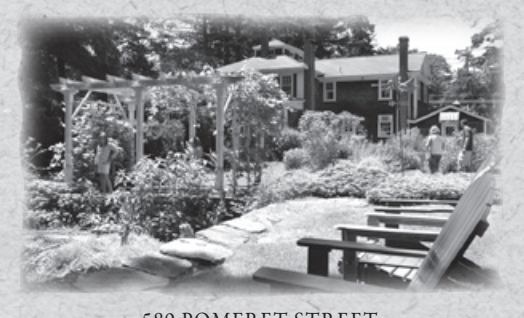
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explains Stephanie, whose hand-decorated hula hoops are completely one of a kind. "I sold quite a few for Mother's Day." Another fun item is "Cooties"--little fuzzy balls of yarn designed to make kids (and parents) smile. "We don't want people to be afraid to bring their kids in," Stephanie says. "They are a nice distraction and are inexpensive."

According to Sean, Stephanie "goes a little crazy" on the window displays, changing them frequently. "But there's always something beautiful in the window." Today a collection of tiny, jewel-like orchids nested in vintage teacups fill one window. The other features a bone-white dress (consigned by a local vintage textile collector) worn by a dressmaker's dummy. One can just picture a Victorian lady wearing the gown at a garden party. Inside the shop, another vintage dress—deep blue Titanic-era silk—is posed next to one of the fireplace facades. "The first thing they see is flowers but with a funky twist," says Stephanie. "People may have no interest in flowers but they are intrigued. They see the window display and that draws them in."

Putnam's antiques vibe also meshes with Glimpse of Gaia's eco-friendly values. "We see antiquing as a way of recycling," says Stephanie.

> "We use a lot of recycled glass and vintage vases. When the arrangement is gone, people can have a keepsake that they really want in their homes. When you are buying Flowers it's nice to know something about the gift will last."

In classical mythology, Gaia is the Goddess of the Earth...Stephanie and Sean also honor their business's namesake through choosing their trade wholesalers carefully. "We use only responsibly grown, organic flowers," explains Stephanie, who steers clear of cheap flowers produced by many South American countries. "Not a lot of people, including florists, know how bad the flower industry can be on the environment. But it's not hard to get responsibly grown flowers if you do your homework." Sean makes the weekly trip to the Boston Flower Market, where he buys flowers grown in Holland, California and Ecuador.

Glimpse of Gaia has already established many partnerships with other local businesses. They are working with Dot Burnworth of Sawmill Pottery to create custom pottery with a signature look for their orchids. Stephanie's arrangements embellish numerous local restaurants as well as Celebrations Gallery in Pomfret. Every week, Sean picks up a handmade container by one of Celebrations' artists. Stephanie fills it with an arrangement and if a customer purchases the art, they take home the arrangement as a bonus. Glimpse of Gaia will also take 10% off any arrangement made in a vase purchased at Celebrations.

As a full-service florist, Glimpse of Gaia creates arrangements for weddings, funerals, parties, proms and other functions. "Themed funeral flowers are very personal way to celebrate someone's life," Stephanie says, who wants to offer something besides the standard florist arrangements. "When you think about it, flowers are the last gift to the deceased." Glimpse of Gaia also offers extended delivery service, including most of Windham County and into Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The only thing they do not offer is wire service. "Wire service can be very deceptive," says Stephanie. "What people get on the other end might look a lot different from what the customer saw online. I won't put my name on something I can't guarantee will be absolutely beautiful."

Glimpse of Gaia is hoping that their unconventional, artsy style will make flowers more popular both as a gift and for every day. "We don't know how, but our goal is to get younger people to buy more flowers," says Stephanie. "Today, it's traditional for older people to buy flowers for occasions. What we offer is funky, more unusual. It doesn't have to be expensive and it doesn't have to be boring." Glimpse of Gaia's stem display allows customers to hand pick their own bouquets. "Or someone can say to me, I like this color palette, or I have $40, make me something beautiful," says Stephanie.

Glimpse of Gaia is located at 130 Main Street in downtown Putnam. They are open Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday from 10AM to 6PM and Friday & Saturday from 10AM to 8PM. For more information, visit www.GlimpseofGaia.com or call 860-928-4600.

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BY CRIS CADIZ

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Woodstock, CT, has many hidden treasures but Devon Point Farm is one that is ripe for discovery.

Longtime Woodstock residents might remember this property as Joy Orchard, which operated for about 15-20 years. Today, acres formerly full of tangled brambles and gnarled, unproductive apple trees have been transformed into a farmer's paradise by Erick & Patty Taylor. This young couple's goals are to raise their family in the country, produce and sell environmentally friendly crops and grass-fed beef, and eventually to make a living off of farming.

These ambitions are no easy task for any farmer, but the Taylors have had practice. Devon Point Farm is their third property. They began with land in Rhode Island and moved to Vermont after housing developments and poor soil drove them north. Wanting to be closer to family initiated their journey back to southern New England. The Taylors lucked out by finding a diamond-in-the rough property in Woodstock, which no other farmers in their right minds would want to tackle.

"It was so overgrown and thick, you couldn't drive a tractor through it," Patty remembers when they first started clearing in 2007. A conservation easement, which required the buyer to be a qualified farmer, also helped the family to afford the land. "It took two years to clear 60 acres for pasture. We also installed five miles of fence and built our house. My husband learned to drive an excavator and we had lots of friends volunteer their help to clear the land," says Patty appreciatively. The Taylors' hard work has paid off in a visually beautiful farm property. They also got to start from scratch in farming the newly cleared land with organic and ecologically sustainable methods, such as using their cattle to fertilize the vegetable and flower beds.

Devon Point Farm specializes in breeding and raising American Milking Devon Cattle. Once numbering around 20,000, there are only 300 to 400 of this rare heritage breed--which arrived in Colonial times on ships from England--in the entire country. With 35 animals, the Taylors have one of the largest herds in the United States. Devon Point Farm currently has a breeding stock of 24 animals plus nine calves. They also sell steers by the half or whole as gourmet, grass-fed beef.

Devon Point Farm raises their animals entirely on grass, hay and trace minerals—no antibiotics, no hormones, no grain, no corn. This includes breeding stock as well as cattle raised for beef. Their animals are humanely slaughtered, butchered at a USDA facility, dry-aged, vacuum-sealed and frozen. The Devon breed is genetically designed to do well on a grass-only diet. Known as "ruby red" beef, the meat is lower in fat and higher in vitamins and "good" fats than grain-fed beef from factory farms. Devon Point Farm takes reservations for whole or half steers, which are slaughtered in the fall. According to Patty, a Gourmet Magazine taste test chose the Devon breed as the best grass-fed beef. "Basically, Devons are made for eating grass and they really taste great," says Patty.

Currently, Patty works full time on the farm with the help of daily childcare. Ages one and four, her girls are already immersed in the farm. "They help in the afternoon," says Patty. "They help plant and pick rocks. We have a heart-shaped rock collection. The four-year-old has her own calf that she takes care of. She's been carrying water buckets since she was two!" Husband Erick works off the farm for the time being. "Our dream is for us both to farm full time. I think we're about five years away. I don't think there's a farm in Connecticut where at least one family member doesn't work off the farm. You have to have multiple sources of income just to survive."

To diversify the farm's products, the Taylors have added three acres of vegetables and flowers and another three acres for pumpkins and squash. The latter will be ready for a Fall Harvest Festival in October, featuring pick-your-own and hay rides. This summer will be the first year of Devon Point Farm's CSA or "Community Supported Agriculture" effort. "I call it Farm Shares," says Patty. "It's easier to understand." Basically, community members purchase a share in the vegetables and flowers produced by the farm during the growing season. With the help of grant money from the Department of Agriculture, the Taylors are building a new multi-level barn for the CSA, which will allow members to drive right up to the barn to pick up their weekly share. "We are growing over 20 different kinds of vegetables and multiple varieties of the same vegetables, so there will be lots of diversity," explains Patty. They also offer flower shares, which provide a fresh bouquet each week all summer long.

When CSA members come to Devon Point Farm for their weekly produce, they can also enjoy pick-your-own seasonal veggies, including peas, cherry tomatoes and beans. Patty Taylor wants to offer more than just farm products; she wants people to have a farm experience. "I want people to be wowed," she explains. "I want to show them that farming can be an amazing, clean, neat experience. I want it to be jaw-dropping."

CSA produce and flower shares are still available in a limited quantity. $590 for a family share and $340 for a single share provides 4 months (mid-June to mid-October) of seasonal produce on a weekly basis. **For more information, visit www.DevonPointFarm.com or call 860-974-9004.**

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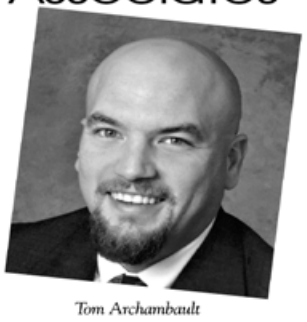
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WHERE TO STAY, DINE & BE ENTERTAINED...

Sawmill Pottery, Putnam

❖ FRIDAY AFTERNOON CHECK IN:

Check into ***Feather Hill Bed & Breakfast*** **(www.featherhillbedandbreakfast.com)** for a wonderful weekend getaway. This bed and breakfast provides guests with centuries-old tradition of innkeeping in their hospitality, comfort, delicious food and privacy. Amenities include air conditioning, cable TV, Jacuzzi tub and spa shower. Enjoy a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear swimming pool. Canoe or kayak the nearby Quinebaug River or spend a lazy afternoon enjoying the warm summer breezes.

❖ FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Downtown Putnam features fabulous dining options. Enjoy American fusion cuisine, casual fine dining or dining al fresco at ***85 Main*** **(www.85main.com)**. And 85 Main features the only sushi bar in town! The ***Courthouse Bar & Grille*** **(www.courthousebarandgrille.com)** offers a more casual atmosphere; steak and seafood are hand-carved and menu offerings are all made from scratch. Another favorite among the locals is ***Someplace Special Restaurant*** **(www.someplacespecialrestaurant.com).** Recent rennovations feature patio dining, a modern dining room, and an expansive bar. Best known for their pizza & wraps, and an extensive menu of choices from traditional to gourmet.

❖ SATURDAY BREAKFAST:

Pay a visit to ***Main Street Grille*** **(860-928-3336)**, located at 172 Main Street in Putnam. This is local favorite where breakfast is served all day. Enjoy creative crepes, corned beef hash and falafels, as well as traditional breakfast items; everything is homemade and coffee is just fifty cents a cup!

❖ SATURDAY MID-MORNING:

Local farms are a treasure in northeastern Connecticut. Visit a farm, take a tour, and pick your own strawberries, blueberries, peaches and more. Pick up a ***"Green & Growing"*** brochure at any of the ***Last Green Valley*** brochure racks to find out what farms are open to the public or visit **www.tlgv.org.**

❖ SATURDAY LUNCH:

Have lunch at ***Mrs. Bridges Pantry*** **(www.mrsbridgespantry.com)**, a quaint little tea room located in Woodstock. Lunch is served daily with seating for 20 inside and several tables outside. After lunch, browse the shop for specialty teas, greeting cards, food and novelty gifts. While in Woodstock, be sure to visit the many shops scattered along Route 169. To learn more visit **www.explorewoodstock.com**.

❖ SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Check out ***Fort Hill Farms*** **(www.forthillfarms.com)** located in Thompson. New this year, Fort Hill Farms will be serving Farmer's Cow ice cream! Tour the beautiful perennial gardens and the cow barn.

Later in the summer, check out their Corn Maize adventure. This is not like any corn maze you've ever been in! The design is a cow and her calf. The main maze is the cow, sponsored by Stop & Shop, the Mini-Moo-Maze is sponsored by The Farmer's Cow. As you get your exercise, you will also learn about our farm, where your milk comes from, and how The Farmer's Cow is working to save a way of life that could be lost. Dairy farms are important to our state because they save wide open spaces.

When entering the maze you are given a 4-page game sheet, you walk the paths looking for clues about why locally-grown food and the slow food movement is so good for you, and why it leads to healthy families. In the maze, you will encounter 30 desks, which have the answers you need for your game sheet. Work together to meet the Maize Quest Challenge!

❖ SATURDAY DINNER:

For dinner, make reservations at ***Still River Cafe*** **(www.stillrivercafe.com)** located in Eastford. Still River is a casually elegant restaurant located in a beautiful 150-year old barn on a 27-acre farm. The menu features Seasonal New American cuisine and is based upon fresh, local ingredients. ***"No. 1 destination restuarant in New England 2008," Boston Magazine.***

❖ SUNDAY MORNING:

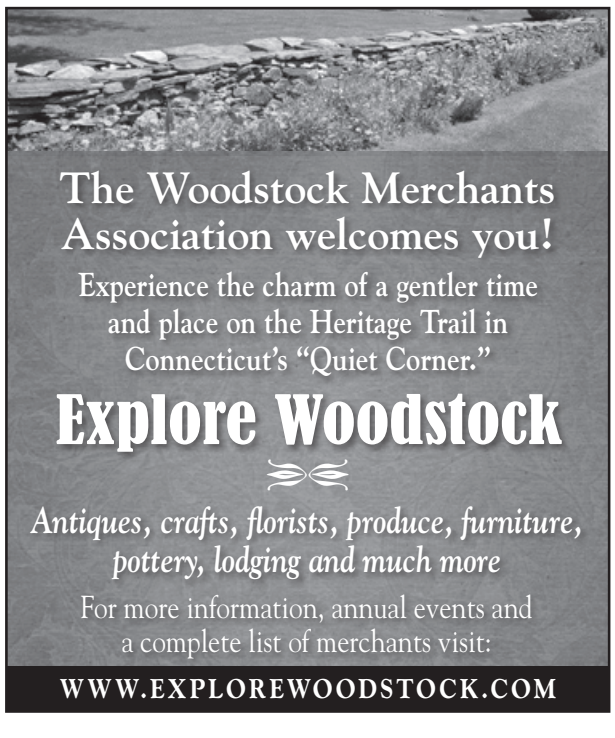
Explore downtown Putnam–there is something here for everyone. Start at ***Daisy's Couture*** **(www.daisyscouture.com)** located on Main Street. This is a unique consignment shop that specializes in designer clothing, jewelry, home decor and furniture - all at a fraction of retail. Just up the street, you will discover ***Glimpse of Gaia*** **(www.glimpseofgaia.com)**, an earth-friendly florist featuring fabulous flowers, orchids, gifts for the home and antiques.

In the Montgomary Ward Building you will find ***Arts & Framing*** **(www.artsandframingputnam.com).** Owner, Sheri Socher shares local art throughout the two-story gallery as well as offering expert framing services. Around the corner, visit ***Sawmill Pottery*** **(www.sawmillpottery.com)** a working studio open to the community offering workshops, classes and paint your own pottery. Browse the gift shop or spend some time working with clay.

The ***Antiques Marketplace*** **(860-928-6630)**, located on the corners of Main Street and Route 44 features three stories of antique items and furniture! Cross Route 44 and you will find ***Abigail's Jewel Box*** **(www.abigailsjewelbox.com)** specializing in estate and gemstone jewelry. They also have a beautiful selection of engagement rings and diamond jewelry.

Accross the street, tucked behind Bella's Bistro, is ***Silver Circle Studio*** **(www.silvercirclestudio.com)** featuring local art in an inspiring gallery, as well as creative handmade gifts such as jewelry, handbags, wood boxes and more. Of course there is more to discover along Main Street and beyond, but we can't fit it all in!

Thank you for visiting northeastern Connecticut...we look forward to bringing you more weekend planner ideas in future issues of the Putnam Traveler.



Calendar of Events

July

2nd @ Dusk (rain date 7/10)
Putnam Fireworks
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
Enjoy music by the Out Riggers.
www.putnamct.us

4th of July Jamboree
East Woodstock Congregational Church
Woodstock, CT

9 & 16th @ 7pm
Concerts in the Park
Riverside Park, Route 12
North Grosvenordale, CT
July 9th The Tirebiter Bank
July 16th Black & White
Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy evenings of great family entertainment. In the case of inclement weather, call the Recreation Office at 860-923-9440.

31st @ 8:30 pm
Movie in the Park
Riverside Park, Route 12
North Grosvenordale, CT
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the movie! In the case of inclement weather, call the Recreation Office at 860-923-9440.

Opera al Fresco

17th @ 7:30 pm (rain date 7/18)
Opera al Fresco
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
Enjoy a moonlit evening listening to some of the world's most immortal opera classics–join Brian Sparks, the Harford Festival Orchestra, and the Hartford Festival Orchestra at Rotary Park overlooking the Quinebaug River. Sponsored by Wheelabrator Putnam, Inc. and Putnam Bank.
www.winyradio.com

17th @ Dusk
Riverfire
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
www.winyradio.com

13-18th
Brimfield Antique Show
Brimfield, MA
The Brimfield Antiques Show is the largest outdoor antiques show in the world, with over 6,000 dealers. Some fields charge an admission fee others are FREE.
www.brimfieldshow.com

August

6 & 13th @ 7pm
Concerts in the Park
Riverside Park, Route 12
North Grosvenordale, CT
Aug 6 Riverboat Rambler
Aug 13 Tongue & Groove
Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy evenings of great family entertainment. In the case of inclement weather, call the Recreation Office at 860-923-9440.

BRADLEY

6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21st @ 8 pm
8, 15, 22nd @ 2pm
Grease
Bradley Playhouse, Putnam, CT
Rydell High's spirited class of '59 bops its way through this rock' n' roll musical as Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski fight their attraction. Pajama parties, drive-ins, burger joints, and the prom capture the look and sound of an era in this unforgettable musical.
Musical: $18 for Adults • $15 for Students/ Senior Citizens www.bradleyplayhouse.org

15th
Main Street Car Cruise
Putnam, CT
Visit www.winyradio.com for details.

14th beginning @ 6am
21st Annual Deary Memorial Road Race and Walk
JD Coopers, Putnam, CT
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14th
Arc Rubber Duck Race
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
Visit www.winyradio.com for details.

14th @ Dusk
Riverfire
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
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26-29th
The Brooklyn Fair
Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, CT
One of the nation's oldest agricultural fairs, voted 'Best Country Fair in New England,' by Yankee Magazine. Livestock exhibits, children's playland, tractor pulls, crafts, food, fireworks, and a full midway. Discounted tickets available online when purchased in advance. www.brooklynfair.org

September

3-6th
150th Woodstock Fair
(Labor Day Weekend)
Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT
Animals barns, agricultural barn, antique corner, arts & crafts, horse shows, food and a full midway.
www.woodstockfair.com

7-12th
Brimfield Antique Show
Brimfield, MA
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17-19th
St. Mary's Circle of Fun
St. Mary School, Putnam, CT
www.smsputnam.com

18th
Woodstock Annual Shop Hop
Hosted by the Woodstock Merchants Association
Woodstock, CT
www.explorewoodstock.com

25th, 9-3pm
Celebrating Agriculture
Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT
Hearty Breakfast (donation: adults $5, children under 10 just $3)
Agricultural Displays, Events/ Demonstrations, Egg Decorating Contest, Forestry Fair, Farm Equipment, Entertainment, Food, Farmer's Market, Hay Rides & Farm Tour, Children's Activities, Horses, Cows and More! www.celebratingagriculture.org

Celebrating Agriculture

25-26th
Outdoor Juried Art Show to benefit CT Children with Autism
52 County Road, Woodstock, CT
30-40 artists will be represented exhibiting and selling paintings, jewelry, pottery, photography, outdoor furniture, and more. There will be a student art exhibit in the barn representing 15 local schools. Music, entertainment and food. Admission is just $5.
www.artistsinthecountry.org

On Going Events

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Putnam, CT
860-963-0105
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www.ctaudubon.org

Performing Arts of NECT
Hyde Cultural Center
Woodstock, CT
www.performingartsnect.org
Offers live musical and theatre events throughout the year.

Garnet Rogers @ VBC

The Vanilla Bean Cafe
Pomfret, CT
860-928-1562
www.vanillabeancafe.com
The Vanilla Bean features live folk music every Saturday @ 8 PM. and displays artwork from local artisans.

Roseland Cottage
Woodstock, CT
www.historicnewengland.org
Roseland Cottage is offering tours, teas, concerts, and encampments throughout the year.

Jean-Paul Jacquet @ SCS

Silver Circle Studio
Putnam, CT
860-963-2900
www.silvercirclestudio.com
Features local artwork and art exhibits throughout the season. Offers a range of workshops and art classes for all ages.

Victoria Station Cafe
Putnam, CT
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www.victoriastationcafe.com
Victoria Station Cafe features live music on occasion throughout the season.

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SWEET PEAS

BY NANCY WEISS

KMr. Ken Cardinal cut his teeth in the food world. After graduating from Johnson & Wales University, he worked at the Vernon Stiles Inn in Thompson as a chef for owner Paul Morgan. During the years he was employed there, Cardinal sharpened his culinary arts as the iconic inn turned out hundreds of meals weekly.

In 1980 he started Baker's Dozen Bakery on Providence Street in Putnam and honed his skills in pastry, cakes and bread.

Well-known in the region for his three coffee and donut shops, The Baker's Dozen, Cardinal has launched a new enterprise. Sweet Peas, described as a place for fine foods, farm market and baked goods, opened for business after a lively pre-opening party for local foodies.

Cardinal had thought about opening a business like Sweet Peas for years. As a visitor to small shops and farm stands on the North Fork of Long Island, Cardinal took notes about what looked attractive and sold well. On a boat trip to Florida with his friend, local builder, Ken Sigfridson, plans took shape for the design of a building that would house the new business.

Troy Cardinal

Cardinal's sons, Trevor and Tory, work with him in the businesses, both Sweet Peas and Baker's Dozen, and provide their input into how Sweet Peas will evolve. Cardinal also turned to a friend, Lisa Casseterri, creator of both the Vine and Pyzz Restaurants in Putnam whose experience in the restaurant and food business is extensive, for help in creating a theme that set Sweet Peas apart from other operations.

"Lisa is one of the most talented people in the area's food industry. She is creative. She knows what is happening in food trends. She is passionate about food. She has graciously taken on the Cheese Department for Sweet Peas, buying cheeses from vendors in Long Island, Boston and beyond," said Cardinal. He added that Casseterri is also consulting on the recipes for prepared foods which are being sold as oven ready

meals called "Quick Cuisine". Collaborating with Lisa is truly a pleasure.

Cardinal noted that the store carries many different types of cheese and will order specifics if people request it. Cheese is one of Sweet Peas most popular products with fresh cheddar cut from a wheel among the immediate best sellers.

Prepared foods assume a special role at Sweet Peas. From slow braised Cabernet short ribs, to cedar planked salmon, twice baked potatoes and egg plant rolitini, Cardinal offers a changing assortment of foods that are made on site with quality ingredients.

"This is real food, not processed food. When we get requests for new entrees, we give them a try. We want to hear what our customers like. I want prepared food to be affordable, tasty, healthy and easy", said Cardinal.

Sweet Peas features a salad bar that bears little resemblance to supermarket fare. With dozens of items including Shrimp Cocktail, fresh chunk fruit salad and innovative side dishes, the salad bar changes daily and offers either complete meals or additions to the daily assortment of prepared foods.

Cardinal combed the region to find a consistent source of locally grown produce. He found J & D farms in East Killingly, which provides Sweet Peas with asparagus, spinach and fresh eggs. A farm in Sterling will provide heirloom tomatoes. Sweet corn from Hampton will fill bins in the store when the season begins and Sweet Peas is always looking for local sources for fruits and produce.

Federal Hill, culinary ground zero in nearby Providence, is the source of a big seller at Sweet Peas. Venda Ravioli produces high quality fresh pasta, ravioli, manicotti and sauces. For Cardinal sales of 500 to 600 dozen raviolis in the first week showed him that he had made a sound decision in featuring the Rhode Island product that lends itself to a quick, tasty meal for a family or a party.

Fresh breads, cookies, squares and homemade pies make dessert choices a snap or provide a treat to eat in the car with a cup of coffee from Baker's Dozen, located next door.

"The concept here is to come and get a whole meal: the salad bar, the pasta, the prepared meals, the bread, the pastry, all in one stop," said Cardinal.

Ken Cardinal loves retail. He enjoys giving samples of cheese or urging customers to try a new salad combination. He has plans to try offering tastings and food demonstrations. Some day he may set up a station on the porch and offer people a bite of a new product his is thinking of adding.

In his modern office next door to Sweet Peas, Ken Cardinal leans back in his chair, arms clasped behind his head, and dreams of new food offerings and ways to enliven the culinary scene. "We want this to be a fun place to shop. We want to turn this into a culinary adventure for people who appreciate food," and he adds, "if you haven't been to a small local market lately, try it! You'll enjoy being treated like a friend and neighbor instead of just a chain-store card holder."

From his earliest work experiences as a teenager to dreaming up a new business while sailing with a friend, Ken Cardinal is a committed foodie. Sweet Peas promises to add a special note to a culinary atmosphere in our region.

Visit Sweet Peas at SweetPeasFineFoods.com or on facebook. Located at 520 Providence Rd, Brooklyn, next to Baker's Dozen, Sweet Peas is open 9am to 7pm Daily.

Celebrating Agriculture 2010

Looking for a fun, free, family friendly event this summer?

Head to the Woodstock Fairgrounds on RT 169 on Saturday, September 25th for the 10th Annual Celebrating Agriculture day. If you choose, start your day off with a Hearty Farm Breakfast (9 to 11AM; donation: adults $5, kids $3) that includes farm fresh products such as local eggs and maple syrup. Then head off to see agricultural displays, farm animals and equipment, take a hayride, buy local products, enjoy demonstrations and children's activities. Visit www.celebratingagriculture.org for the full schedule of events and activities for all ages.

Some of this year's entertainment includes two rock& roll bluegrass bands, Hickory Wind and Yankee Dogs, who will perform in the exhibit areas at 11:00 and 1:00 pm. Horse lovers can see a farrier (blacksmith) demonstration, equine massage demonstration and meet members of the SART (State Animal Response Team), who mobilize in

natural disasters and outbreaks of disease to take care of animal needs. There will also be a forestry competition, with log splitters, chainsaw contests and more. Children's activities include hands-on crafts, face painting and temporary tattoos, a hay maze and much more.

In addition, the Connecticut Poultry Association will host a White House Easter Egg Display. The Egg Artist Guild will submit 3 or 4 eggs to display and voters will determine which will go to the White House in Washington, D.C. There will also be an omelet and flambé demonstration.

Since 2001, the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor in conjunction with the USDA, local farmers and a variety of organizations plus countless volunteers have made "Celebrating Agriculture" a successful showcase of the benefits agriculture provides to the region. They strive to educate visitors about the challenges local farms face and encourage consumer purchasing of local farm products. Since many local farms are represented, this is a great way to "put a face to your local food"---to meet and support your neighbors who help feed the community and who maintain the beautiful open space and the working landscape of our area.

www.celebratingagriculture.org • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM)
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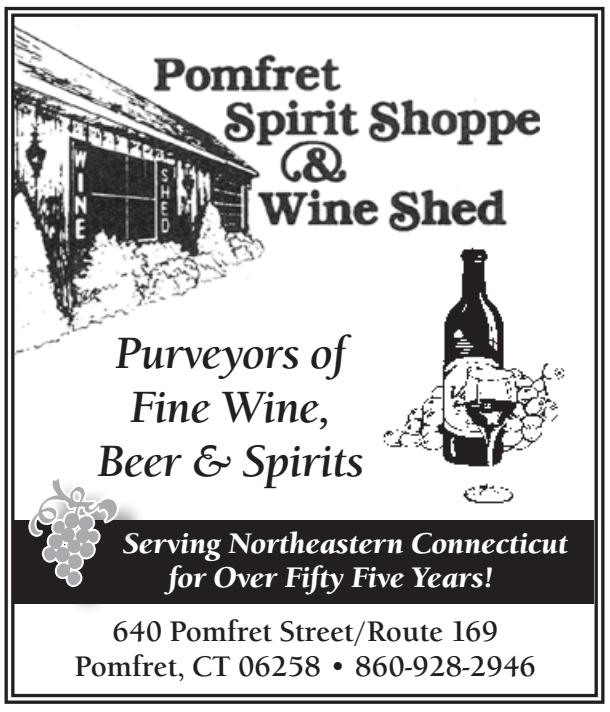

Sit, Stay...Come!

Lisa Antonucci is rapidly gaining rock star status in the dog-training world. Meeting her for an interview at the Vanilla Bean Café in Pomfret was punctuated by unsolicited accolades from nearby diners...

BY NANCY WEISS

"Lisa did something amazing. We adopted a yellow lab. She was the alpha female so she was aggressive with our kids and us. If it weren't for Lisa, we might have gotten rid of her. Lisa gave us techniques and the dog bonded with us, "said Kate Cerrone, a local attorney and client of Lisa's.

For Antonucci the journey to northeastern Connecticut and her place as trainer at Harlan Ridge Kennel in Eastford has moved at a surprising pace toward her goal to provide relationship based training in the region.

A native of Massachusetts, Antonucci's grandfather gave her an Irish Setter, when she was eleven. She was responsible for all of the dog care in the house. The dog was followed by a horse, both of which Antonucci supported by saving her babysitting money. She knew in her heart that animals were an important element in her life. She began formally training dogs in 1989.

She started dog training with a difficult German shepherd, Bear, who "taught me what I needed to learn from the dog's perspective." It was through that relationship, that she began to develop a way to deal with aggressive dogs and dogs with issues. Antonucci is also skilled at temperament evaluations which help her match both adults and puppies with the best possible homes.

After working with dogs with problem behaviors for a time, Antonucci began exploring dog sports, specifically agility and obedience.

"Agility is my love, so it is at the core of my training program. After many years of competing in various

organizations, I have been called upon to judge as well." said Antonucci.

In an agility class the dog and its owner move over, under, around and through a series of obstacles as a team. Dog and owner get a good workout and form a bond that is rewarding to both.

"The first time I crossed the finish line and received a ribbon, I was so excited. The thing about doing dog sports is that you don't have to be an athlete. Your dog will pull you through. Your dog will do it for you," said Antonucci enthusiastically.

Through the years Antonucci has found more Baby Boomers signing up for her classes. While many of her clients can't outrun their dog, they learn to trust the animals and enjoy the process.

As Antonucci works with her clients, she has their individual goals in mind. Whether they want to be the next top level competitor, or just want to have some fun with their dog, she guides them towards success and looks forward to those moments when she has a winning score and then is beaten by one of her students.

Antonucci has an almost mystical belief in her path to becoming a dog trainer. As a successful corporate project specialist, she enjoyed the security of a conventional career, but dog training kept pulling at her heartstrings.

At an important personal juncture, Antonucci decided to leave the conventional and strike out in a career that is her passion.

"Training came to me by fate. Every time I made a life change, I always went back to training. I feel I make the most difference in this occupation," she added.

Antonucci came to Harlan Ridge Kennel in Eastford after relocating to Connecticut. Her relationship based program was introduced and once word of Antonucci's style and skills spread, enrollment in classes soared.

The program is built around Obedience courses for dogs that have developed nuisance behaviors at home. Using positive motivation and kind and gentle approaches, dogs can become successful good citizens. Through Puppy Kindergarten, Obedience for the Family dog, Obedience II, Focus and Attention Class, owners can discover just how much fun it is to train their dogs. Agility and Rally-O are sports for dogs and their people to enjoy a working relationship together.

"I offer classes a la carte. I will run a class if two people come. My classes are small with 4-6 people and their dogs. I take notes on all the dogs so I can focus attention on them and help build respect between dog and owner" said Antonucci.

Antonucci has four dogs of her own, three German Shepherds and a lively English Cocker Spaniel. She is affectionate with her animals and enthusiastic when discussing former and current students. Her natural intelligence and warmth shine through when discussing her personal goals and a trainer and her commitment to developing positive relationships between dogs and their owners.

"A good trainer doesn't take an easy dog and make it look good. Rather, a good trainer takes a hard dog and makes it look easy. This is my life. This is what I do. This is my identity, so I know I better do it right," she said.

Antonucci can be reached at:
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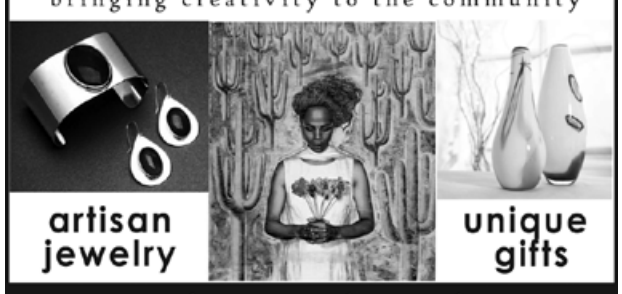

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PUTNAM EVENTS

Enjoy Summer Events in Putnam!

Planning a visit to northeastern Connecticut this summer? Be sure to check the calendar and include the Putnam River Fire, at Rotary Park, on your itinerary. With twenty firelight-floating pots alongside the Quinebaug River, music provided by WINY Radio, and hamburgers and hotdogs served by the Lions Club–this event attracts over 3,000 residents and visitors to Putnam! Bring your lawn chairs & blankets to Rotary Park, fires are lit at dusk and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each lighting offers some entertainment or theme. "Everyone should experience River Fire at least once," says Gary Osbrey, owner of WINY Radio.

- **2010 River Fire Schedule:**
July 17th, August 14th & September 11th

- **Other Exciting Events include:**
A Fireworks display in Putnam on July 2nd (rain date July 10th) in Rotary Park. Enjoy live entertainment provided by the Out Riggers.

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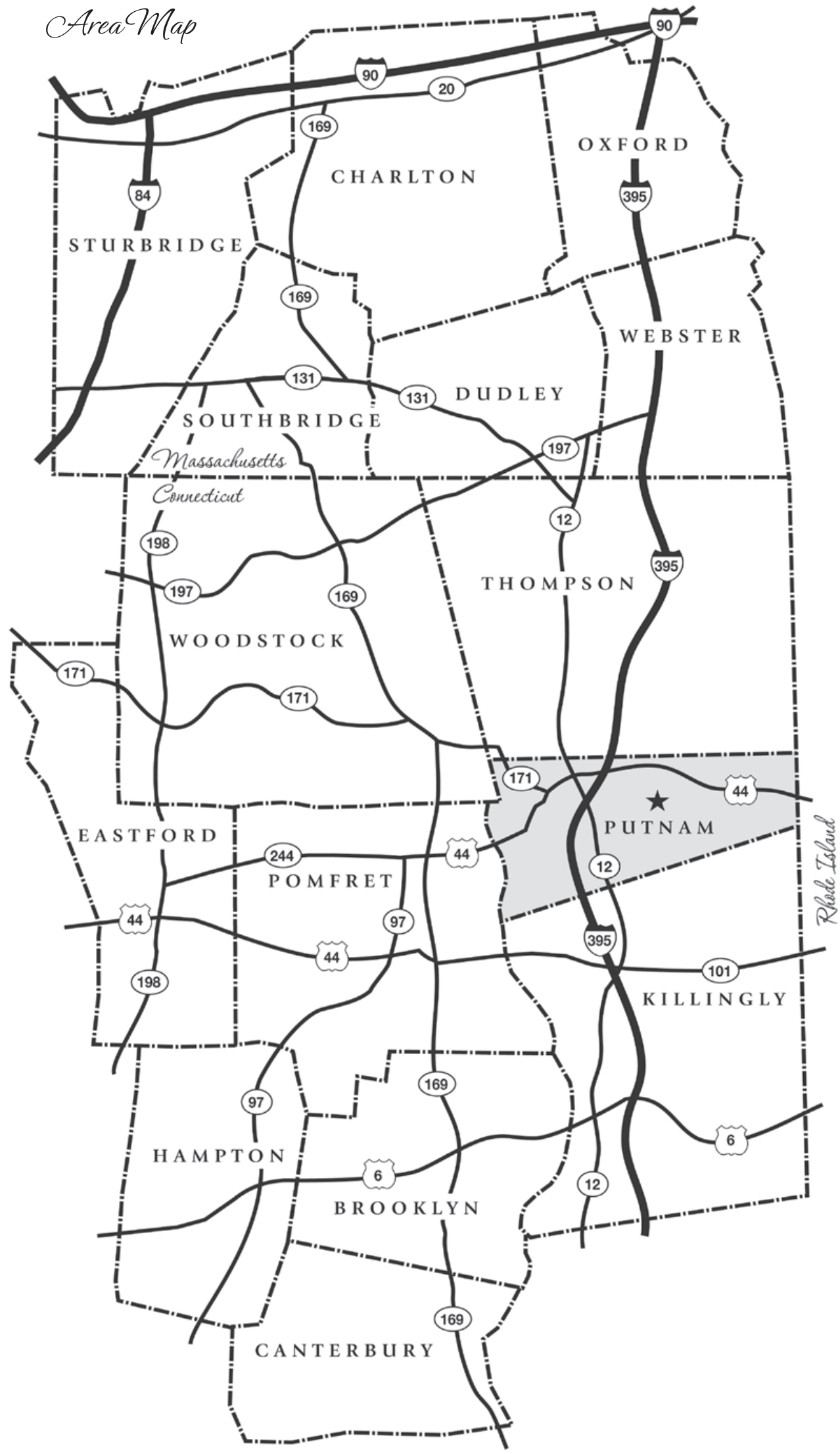

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